

CHUES THE CHEWING GUM TRUST FOR A HALF MILLION

Promoter Says He Suggested Combine, but Hasn't Got Any of the Profits.

Chewing gum to-day absorbed the interest of Justice Scudder of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn. Robert L. Johnston, of Montclair, N. J., brought suit against Charles R. Flint & Co. of New York for a share in the profits of the so-called Chewing Gum Trust.

Johnstone claims to have originated the Yucatan trade in chewing gum, which is the foundation of modern chewing gum, and also to have brought about the combination of several companies which make the jaw-exercising confection, all of which worked to the profit of the Flint firm. In view of his contention, Johnstone brought suit for the sum of \$500,000 as his half share of the profits of the combination.

The plaintiff in the action claimed to have presented to the Flint firm a plan to amalgamate the chewing gum interests, a plan which he claims the Flint firm refused. His contribution was knowledge and experience in the chewing gum business in Yucatan. The combination, according to Johnstone, was effected in 1897 and the firms going into it were the T. B. Dunn Company of Rochester, the New San Fernando Company and the Frank H. Fier Company, both of Philadelphia; the C. R. Somerville Company of London, Canada; Curtis & Company of Portland, Me.; and the Grove Company of Salem, O.

A general denial of Johnstone's claim was put in by the Flint firm, whose attorneys admitted that Johnstone had come to the firm with a proposition for the combination of chewing gum firms, but that they already had such a plan under advisement. The only new thing in Johnstone's plan, they said, was his knowledge of the chewing gum business in Yucatan. And their further contention was that the Yucatan supply was not very profitable at that, although it might be some day.

Charles J. McDermott was attorney for Johnstone, but the lawyer who tried the case for him was Samuel Untermyer.

DOCTORS PUZZLED BY "BLOOD TEST"

Hypnotist Gives Exhibition of Pulse Stopping Before Audience of Medical Men.

Prof. Pauline, the hypnotist, entertained an audience of physicians and medical students at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, to-day, by giving an exhibition of what is called his "blood test," a hypnotic process by which he says he causes the blood to rush from a subject's arm, leaving the member rigid, cold and pulseless.

The subject used in the "blood test" was an anemic-looking youth. When his arm was bared, however, there was a warm circulation of blood flowing through the arteries and veins. Dr. Herman Brant of No. 183 West Eighth-street, who declared he doesn't take much stock in hypnotism, went upon the stage and took the youth's pulse. Then he stepped aside, while Prof. Pauline made a few passes and then rubbed the subject's arm. Gradually the member grew paler until it was chalk white and rigid.

Dr. Brant could find no pulse and no sign of circulation. Then Prof. Pauline called the blood back and instantly the pulse began to return and the arm grew warm and red again.

MOTHER TRACES GIRLS INTO THE "GAY WAY."

Lured by Promise of Easy Life and No Work, Say Two Brooklyn Runaways.

Lured by promises of an easy life without work, Margaret Steckenrider of No. 687 Hemlock street and Rose Reger of No. 180 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn, both seventeen years old, deserted their homes and were located to-day in a rooming house on Bushwick, near De Kalb avenue. The girls were taken before Magistrate McGuire in the Gates Avenue Court. Margaret was paroled in custody of the mother; Rose was committed to the House of the Good Shepherd.

The Steckenrider girl had been employed by a Manhattan as a servant, but lost her position through illness. She disappeared a week ago. Yesterday she met Rose Reger, who worked in a bookbinding factory, and, according to the testimony of both, told her the possibilities of the rooming house was "showing her a good time."

After Mrs. Reger had gone to bed the girls slipped to Rose's room, packed her belongings, and left by a window. Missing her daughter, Mrs. Reger related conversation regarding the Bushwick avenue house, so she went there looking for her daughter, who was told she was upstairs in bed, and that the landlady was going to a store and would return in a few moments. After several hours, however, the police were called and the two girls were arrested.

NO MONEY TO BURY CHILD.

Michael Matwick walked into the Fifth Avenue Police Station, Brooklyn, yesterday and said to Lieut. Ryan police were "I have been trying to get money to bury my child, but I can't get it. He's been dead since Friday and he didn't have any doctor before he died either. I couldn't afford to pay doctor."

The man said he lived with his wife at No. 28 Twentieth street, that his son, Michael Jr., was taken sick last Wednesday and that the only remedies he could afford failed to bring about a recovery. Death was due to natural causes, Ryan's autopsy reported.

AGED WOMAN IS CHOKED AND ROBBED IN SHOP

Man in Street Cleaner's Uniform Attacks Mrs. Nabeling, 50 Years Known in Bronx.

Mrs. Sophia Nabeling, seventy-four years old, who for nearly half a century has been a well-known figure in the Bronx, where she has a small candy and grocery store at No. 88 Gerard avenue, was brutally attacked and robbed in her shop this afternoon by a man wearing the uniform of a street cleaner. After choking her into unconsciousness he escaped with \$50.

Two insurance collectors, Peter Weber of No. 22 West One Hundred and Sixteenth street and William R. Johnson of Trinity avenue, called at the store while the assailant was sitting eating some gumdrops he had just bought. Mrs. Nabeling, in paying her insurance premium, took her pocket-book from her apron and displayed a roll of bills. The collectors had hardly had time to

get a block away when the man savagely attacked the aged woman. Her cries and the barking of two old pet dogs—both too feeble to add their mite—attracted the attention of Weber and Johnson, who rushed back to the store. They met the assailant running out. He turned from them, running through Walton avenue for several blocks, then through Jerome avenue and across lots, getting away.

Dr. Belmont, who was summoned from Lebanon Hospital, found Mrs. Nabeling suffering from shock. Several teeth had been knocked out. The robber took all the money in her pocket-book.

CRAZED BY HOMESICKNESS.

Girl Prevented From Suicidal Leap Bites a Policeman.

Her mind affected by yearning to go back to her old home in Austria, Clara Silverstein, twenty-one years old, who lives with her parents at No. 261 South Third street, Williamsburg, to-day tried to throw herself from a fourth-story window. Her mother and her sister Sarah caught her in time. When Policeman Chaney and Dr. Taylor of the Williamsburg Hospital arrived it was necessary to place her in a straitjacket to prevent her from injuring herself.

On the way to the Kings County Hospital, where she was put into the observation ward, the patient succeeded in breaking her bonds and severely biting the policeman's hand.

AMBITION BRINGS DEATH.

Max Haug, Who Studied Hard to Be an Artist, Dies in His Youth.

Max Haug is dead. He passed away yesterday after a long illness. He was eighteen years old. His widowed mother and a brother survive.

Max was employed in the art department of The World for the last five years. He gave every promise of becoming an expert with the pen and brush. His anxiety to acquire fame soon found him devoting all his spare moments to drawing.

He neglected his health in the rush of his ambition, staying up night, tracing and copying, practicing and studying. About a year ago his health began to fail, and one ailment followed another.

Suddenly, about four months ago, he broke down completely. He spent two months in the mountains without improvement. The fire of life had been kept in the quest for fame. His parents turned weak and exhausted, and took to bed in St. Joseph's Hospital, where he remained until the end came.

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